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CalVet Hosts Construction Kickoff for New Skilled Nursing Facility at Veterans Home of California-Yountville

- WHO:** California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), Department of General Services (DGS), and Rudolph and Sletten, Inc.
- WHAT:** Construction kickoff event for the new \$269 million skilled nursing and memory care facility.
- WHEN:** Tuesday, April 5, 12 p.m.
- WHERE:** Veterans Home of California-Yountville
260 California Drive, Yountville, CA 94599

EVENT: CalVet, in partnership with DGS and construction firm Rudolph and Sletten/Cannon Design, is celebrating that construction is now underway for the new 240-bed, state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility (SNF) at the Veterans Home of California-Yountville (the Home).

A speaking program will take place, featuring the Home's **veteran residents** and staff, CalVet leadership, and the CEO of Rudolph and Sletten, on the construction site of the new facility.

VISUALS: Construction at the site will resume following the speaking program.

BACKGROUND:

Nearly 900 male and female veterans (and their spouses) of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom currently live at the Home.

The new, \$269 million SNF will replace the 90-year-old Holderman Hospital, which opened in 1933. The East Wing was added in 1948, followed by the West Wing in 1953, and the C.M. Miller Medical Center in 1962.

The Home was founded by a private group of citizens who, in 1881, saw the need to help aging Civil War and Mexican War veterans. The group raised \$17,500, acquired 910 acres, and began building the veterans home that opened in 1884. When the federal government quit funding privately-owned facilities in 1897, the state purchased the Home for a \$10 gold coin. The state has owned and operated the facility ever since, with CalVet taking over after the agency's formation in 1946. The Home ultimately became the flagship for CalVet's Veterans Homes of California system of care; eight Homes located throughout California — from Redding to Barstow to Chula Vista.

For more information on the VHC-Yountville SNF project, visit www.calvet.ca.gov/yountvillesnfproject

For media, please RSVP to CalVet Public Affairs at pao@calvet.ca.gov. **B-roll of construction is available to preview the event during morning shows.**

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